

## Message Text

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INFO OCT-01 EA-10 IO-13 ISO-00 AGRE-00 CEA-01 CIAE-00  
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DRAFTED BY STR/SO'LEARY:MAW  
APPROVED BY STR: SLLANDE  
LMURPHY: COMMERCE  
JHUDSON: AGRICULTURE  
RMORFORD: STATE

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R 300055Z AUG 78  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY MANILA  
INFO USMISSION GENEVA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: RP, MTN

SUBJECT: USG/RP MTN TALKS

REF: MANILA 14149

1. U.S. DEL HEADED BY ASSISTANT STR STEPHEN LANDE AND  
GOP DEL HEADED BY STR VEGA HELD MTN TALKS IN WASHINGTON,  
AUGUST 2. SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS WAS MADE, BUT PRINCIAL  
BILATERAL TRADE ISSUES WERE NOT "RESOLVED" DURING THE  
TALKS AS INDICATED IN REFTEL. U.S. DEL REVIEWED U.S.  
OFFER TO AND REQUESTS OF THE PHILIPPINES AND EXPLAINED  
THAT UNLESS GOP CAN BE MORE FLEXIBLE IN CONSIDERING U.S.  
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REQUESTS WE WILL PROBABLY NOT BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN CURRENT  
OFF-RMUCH LESS OFFER IMPROVEMENTS.

2. WHILE PHILIPPINE OFFER COVERS CONSIDERABLE TRADE, THERE  
ARE FEW REDUCTIONS FROM CURRENT DUTIES, AND THE BINDINGS  
THAT HAVE BEEN OFFERED ARE FOR THE MOST PART CEILING  
BINDINGS. THE LEVEL OF OFFERED BINDINGS ON AGRICULTURAL

PRODUCTS IS TOO HIGH (70-100 PERCENT). PHILIPPINES HAS ALSO NOT RESPONDED TO U.S. NTM REQUESTS.

3. GOP DEL STATED THAT HE DID NOT HAVE AUTHORITY FROM MANILA TO TABLE NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS DURING TALKS. HE AGREED TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY THAT PHILIPPINES OFFER MORE SUBSTANTIAL CUTS AND BINDINGS SINCE USG IS UNLIKELY TO GIVE CREDIT FOR CURRENT OFFER OF DUTY REDUCTIONS WHERE BOUND RATES REMAINS AT HIGH LEVELS OF 70 TO 100 PERCENT.

4. NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOP ARE SCHEDULED TO CONTINUE IN EARLY SEPTEMBER IN GENEVA. VEGA STATED HE WOULD TRY TO HAVE GOP RESPONSE TO U.S. REQUESTS AT THAT TIME. CHRISTOPHER

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